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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED DOCUMENT: POSSIBLE REINSERTIONS OF APPARENTLY
MISSING PAGES

REF: (A) ROME 2518 (B) ROME 2577

1. REFTEL REPORTS ON PRESS ALLEGATIONS THAT SEVERAL PAGES
OF DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED TO GOI IN WASHINGTON ABOUT
ALLEGED LOCKHEED PAYMENTS TO ITALIAN POLITICIANS WERE
MISSING. FACTS ARE UNCLEAR TO EMBASSY. ITALIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON DID RECEIVE REPORT ON LOCKHEED AFFAIR, BUT WE
DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IT WAS FROM DEPARTMENT OR CHURCH
COMMITTEE AND WHETHER IT WAS SAME AS THAT TRANSMITTED TO
EMBASSY FOR MINISTER GUI.

2. TO EXTENT THAT DEPARTMENT CAN SHED LIGHT ON THIS SUBJECT,
WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING (A) WHAT WAS SOURCE OF DOCUMENT
GIVEN TO ITALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON ON LOCKHEED AFFAIR,
(B) WHAT EXACTLY WAS DOCUMENT -- INCLUDING WHETHER AND HOW IT
DIFFERED FROM WHAT WE PASSED TO GUI AND (C) WHETHER PARTS OF THE
ORIGINAL OF DOCUMENT WERE DELETED BEFORE BEING GIVEN TO
ITALIAN EMBASSY.

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3. ASSUMING THAT THERE IS, IN FACT, QUESTION OF INCOMPLETE

DOCUMENT, WE WISH TO RAISE FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION
TWO CONCERNS:

(A) GUI, WHO HAS REPUTATION FOR HONESTY -- PROBABLY WELL-FOUNDED, IS APPARENTLY HAMPERED IN ABILITY TO DEFEND HIMSELF AGAINST CHARGES OF CORRUPTION. GUI HAS STRONGLY PROFESSED TOTAL INNOCENCE AND, EQUALLY STRONGLY, DEMANDED FULL OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE THAT. SINCE U.S. HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING RAISED CHARGES IN FIRST PLACE, WE BELIEVE IT HAS EQUAL RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE ALL FACTS AVAILABLE TO GUI. THIS IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT SINCE GUI REPRESENTS ONE OF MORE IMPORTANT FIGURES WITHIN DC.

(B) WHILE U.S. HAS BEEN SULLIED BY LOCKHEED REVELATIONS, WE STAND TO FACE FURTHER CRITICISM, AND NOT UNJUSTIFIABLY, FOR WITHHOLDING PART OF EVIDENCE, ONCE WE HAVE TAKEN STEP OF MAKING PUBLIC MUCH OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION. WE HAVE BEEN URGING DC AND OTHER FRIENDLY ELEMENTS TO REVITALIZE IMAGE, AND CERTAINLY IF THIS AFFAIR RESULTS IN ANOTHER CASE OF BURIED SCANDAL, WE CAN STAND TO LOSE AS WELL FROM THE EFFECTS.

4. OBVIOUSLY, EMBASSY'S REMARKS ARE MADE IN IGNORANCE OF MANY FACTORS, PARTICULARLY CONTENTS OF ANY MISSING PAGES OF LOCKHEED DOCUMENT AND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RAMIFICATIONS FOR ITALY DESCRIBED ABOVE AND THOSE RELATING TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE AND COMMENTS.
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